

**DE-CW2306** 

# **Delaware**



Weekly Crop and Weather Report

September 4, 2006

## **Rain Eases Dry Soil Condtions**

Cloudy days and tropical storm Ernesto late in the week resulted in **4.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 3, 2006. Delaware farmers received almost 5 inches of rain last week. Some reporters indicated that some corn was down from the storm's winds. Over 70 percent of the **corn** silage has been harvested. This is 16 percent ahead of last year and 29 percent ahead of the five-year average. **Soybeans** are filling pods, turning color and have started to drop leaves.

**Apples** were rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 57 percent good and 24 percent excellent

**Pastures** is rated 11 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies are 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus.

#### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

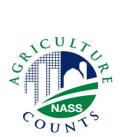
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Field Crops		Pero	cent	
Corn: Dent	92	78	88	71
Mature	68	55	40	33
Harvested for Grain	8	5	3	4
Harvested for Silage	70	-	54	41
Soybeans: Setting Pods	91	79	98	84
<b>Turning Color</b>	13	7	12	6
<b>Dropping Leaves</b>	7	4	4	2
<u>Hay</u>				
Alfalfa Hay: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	92	86	100	90
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	35	33	35	28
Other Hay: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	82	69	79	74
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	18	14	0	10
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	83	74	85	87
Cucumbers	81	76	86	79
Lima Beans (Processed)	47	40	53	34
Potatoes	93	87	76	79
Snap Beans	94	91	93	89
Sweet Corn	90	86	86	83
Tomatoes	83	75	85	73
Watermelons	89	82	83	85
Fruits Harvested				
Apples	21	14	33	29
Peaches	92	87	87	91

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEFTEMBER 3, 2000							
	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture			
Condition by Percent	This	Last	Average	This	Last	Average	
	Week	Week	2001-2005	Week	Week	2001-2005	
Very Short	20	53	7	6	23	8	
Short	20	24	24	48	42	27	
Adequate	55	23	64	43	35	59	
Surplus	5	_	6	3	_	5	

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### WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland	WEEK	Jan 1	Since Jan 1				Normai
Baltimore/Washington Airport	3.65	25.46	-2.54	96	59	73	0
Frederick	1.87	26.94	0.16	91	56	72	4
Frostburg	2.77	25.10	-8.19	81	51	65	1
Hagerstown	2.21	23.73	-2.7	88	54	70	-2
Mechanicsville	9.11	32.72	1.65	91	58	73	2
Patuxent River	6.09	24.77	-4.21	96	59	76	4
Ocean City	4.58	23.18	-8.58	94	58	75	3
Salisbury	7.00	30.83	-1.01	94	56	74	2
Sharpsburg	3.07	28.60	1.82	90	55	71	3
Stevensville	2.79	28.97	0.22	91	58	74	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.78	32.39	5.97	95	60	75	-2
Delaware							
Dover	2.87	27.08	-2.96	88	61	73	-2
Georgetown	4.70	30.02	-0.89	93	57	74	3
Wilmington	3.48	32.64	4.53	84	59	71	-2

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date

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